

The Raritan Valley Arts Association, est. 1939

President: Linda Arnold
Newsletter: Diana Patton
497 Stony Brook Dr
Bridgewater, 08807

October 1999 Newsletter

Flurry of Leaves Felicitations!

A lovely big crowd showed up for Larry Coakley's "How to Photograph Your Art"---and you're all going to want to come to our October 18th meeting, 7:30 pm at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church. Edward Shinn is coming from Philadelphia to demonstrate working with oil and with watercolor on Clayboard. Clayboard is great stuff---comes in different textures and colors; it's not paper or canvas, but you'll want to try it, especially after seeing Edward Shinn demonstrate.

Another reminder that RVAA dues are due! Overdue, now. Please send a check made out to RVAA, single \$22.; family \$28.; student (high school and under) \$10. Send to our new Membership Chairman, Doug Axmann at 16 Schoolhouse Lane, Somerville, 08876. Think of all the demos and shows and conviviality you get for your \$, and your Newsletter, too. We even have an annual Holiday Dinner. Eileen McCoy wants you to remember to save the date-- Tuesday, December 7th at McCarthy's, 600 Main Street, Bridgewater. More details in our Nov/Dec Newsletter, but if you need more info NOW, you can phone Eileen at 908- 526-3396. Eileen and Nona Rutter are working on this together, and RVAA thanks both of you! And despite library construction, the Somerset County Library is alive and well and will host our annual Holiday Show in December---details next newsletter.

In January and February our Refreshments Chairman, John Spitzmiller, needs a volunteer to just bring the coffee pot back and forth to the meetings. Please call John at 908-647-3425 to volunteer or to ask for more info. Also, Ed Golubiewski has names, addresses, and phone numbers of RVAA members which need to be typed up and put into a computer memory. May we please have a quick volunteer for this chore? Hopefully we can get out a membership list to all. Please phone Ed at 732-356-9091.

Our member Joe Emery is having open heart surgery shortly and recovery is expected to be three months in duration. If you have a word of cheer, a card, or good (or bad?) joke to make the time fly by, you can send to Joe at 303 Mt. Airy-Harbourton Road, Lambertville, NJ, 08530.

The Art Museum, Princeton University, is open to the public without charge. Free tours of the collection are given every Sat. at 2 pm. Open Tues.-Sat. from 10 am to 5 and Sunday from 1 to 5, the museum is located in the middle of the Princeton University campus. Picasso's large sculpture "Head of a Woman" stands in front. Talks are given every Friday at 12:30 and repeated the following Sunday at 3. Oct. 15 and 17 "The Twentieth Century: Changes in Art" is the topic. Oct. 22 and 24 "Now You See It, Now You Don't: Watercolor Conservation." (!) Oct. 29 and 31--Rodin Sculpture, and Nov. 5 and 7--"Word and Image: Poetry & the Lear Exhibition."

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

(PLEASE mail me some!)

SONJA WEIR had a one-woman show at the Somerset County Library in Bridgewater for the month of September.

DIANA PATTON had her work "Tomato Studio" accepted into the juried Phillips Mill Exhibition (near New Hope) which will continue to Oct.31.

And finally--I mentioned last issue that I'm a "goldfish grandma". Tangy and Calico have just had their ninth batch of babies and as the proud, but rather too busy, keeper of four aquariums and five bassinets of baby goldfish, I offer free goldfish--utter charmers all of them (but when they're bigger, there's not enough room in four); I'll even type up a set of care instructions. The sweeties should be large enough for adoption in a few weeks. If you have children, grandchildren, or classrooms who would get a small tank (or large!) and are desirous of some of Tangy's and Calico's progeny, I am nursing them along and hope to send many of them off, healthfully, when they're bigger and don't need a lot of feedings and water changes. Drop me a note or try leaving a message at 908-722-0562.